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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/824,936
Confirmation No.: 7289
Filing Date: April 14, 2004
Inventor(s): Vahid SAADAT et al.
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OBTAINING ENDOLUMINAL ACCESS
Examiner: M. Kasztejna
Group Art Unit: 3739

SUBMISSION OF FEES FOR RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Applicant submitted a response to the final Office Action dated April 4, 2006 with a Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for a three-month extension of time and excess claim fee with the USPTO Electronic Filing System (EFS) on October 4, 2006. Upon completion of the fee payment procedure, an error message was received indicating payment had failed. Applicant notified the USPTO Electronic Business Center and was informed that the EFS was experiencing technical difficulties with the payment process. Applicant respectfully submits herewith a RCE fee, a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time fee and an excess claim fee for the above referenced application.

In the event the appropriate fee and/or petition is not filed herewith and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-3973 referencing Attorney Docket No.

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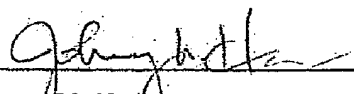
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USGINZ00700. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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